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**CERTIFICATION OF TECHNOLOGY PLAN AND APPROVAL FOR SC PUBLIC
SCHOOLS FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM (E-RATE)**

Marion School District Seven has a technology plan that has met the standards and criteria outlined in the following checklist for Universal Service Fund Participation.

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The district technology plan must be updated and resubmitted prior **June 30, 2010**.

Checklist:

Successful technology plans align the overall education service improvement objectives with the following five criteria. To qualify as an approved Technology Plan for a Universal Service Program discount, the plan must meet these criteria. It is critical that technology planning not be viewed as a separate exercise dealing primarily with hardware and telecommunications infrastructure. There must be connection between the proposed physical infrastructure of the information technology and the plan for professional development, curriculum reform, and service improvements.

☒ The plan establishes clear goals and a realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology to improve education or library services.

☒ The plan has a professional development strategy to ensure that staff knows how to use the new technologies to improve education.

☒ The plan includes an assessment of the telecommunications services, hardware, software, and other services that will be needed to improve education.

☒ The plan provides for a sufficient budget to acquire and maintain the hardware, software, professional development, and other services that will be needed to implement the strategy for improved education.

☒ The plan includes an evaluation process that enables the district and its schools to monitor progress toward the specified goals and make mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.

☒ Budget for appropriate year(s).